

## CLAIMS

1/ A method of synchronizing data between a computer and a portable appliance interconnected by a serial link, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5       - the computer using an AT protocol to send a command over the serial link to cause protocol to be changed by specifying a proprietary protocol to be used for synchronization purposes;
- 10       - the portable appliance sending a response to the computer indicating that it has changed to the specified proprietary synchronization protocol; and
- the data in the portable appliance and the computer is synchronized using the specified proprietary synchronization protocol.

- 15       2/ The synchronization method of claim 1, wherein, after the synchronization step, the method further comprises a step of:

- 20       - the portable appliance sending an AT command to the computer indicating that it has changed to AT protocol.

- 25       3/ The synchronization method of claim 1, wherein the proprietary synchronization protocol is a packet transmission protocol.

- 4/ The synchronization method of claim 2, wherein the proprietary synchronization protocol is a packet transmission protocol.

- 30       5/ The synchronization method of claim 1, wherein the protocol changeover command is an AT+CPROT command.

- 35       6/ The synchronization method of claim 2, wherein the protocol changeover command is an AT+CPROT command.

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14/ A portable appliance according to claim 12, wherein the change-of-protocol command is an AT+CPROT command.

5 15/ A portable appliance according to claim 13, wherein the change-of-protocol command is an AT+CPROT command.

16/ A portable appliance according to claim 12, wherein the appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

10 17/ A portable appliance according to claim 13, wherein the appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

18/ A portable appliance according to claim 14, wherein the appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

15 19/ A portable appliance according to claim 15, wherein the appliance is a mobile telephone terminal.

20 20/ A portable appliance according to claim 12, wherein the appliance is an organizer.

21/ A portable appliance according to claim 13, wherein the appliance is an organizer.

25 22/ A portable appliance according to claim 14, wherein the appliance is an organizer.

23/ A portable appliance according to claim 15, wherein the appliance is an organizer.

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